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LETTER DATED 16 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 1-10 July 1995.

1 July 1995

1. Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Salman, Shanafiyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1500 hours on 1 July 1995, aggressor aircraft dropped four heat flares in Ninawa Governorate.

2 July 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Sinjar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Artawi and Shanafiyah.

3 July 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 0750 hours on 3 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0855 hours.

4 July 1995

1. Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Salman, Lasaf, Shanafiyah, Shatrah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

2. At 0700 hours on 4 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0745 hours.

5 July 1995

1. Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Shanafiyah, Busayyah and Salman.

3. At 0735 hours on 5 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0900 hours.

6 July 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 6 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0750 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0915 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1125 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1235 hours.

4. On 6 July 1995, aggressor aircraft dropped two heat flares in the Tar area of Dhi Qar Governorate.

7 July 1995

Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Rumaythah.

8 July 1995

1. Southern region: 71 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

2. At 0925 hours on 8 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

9 July 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 63 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 1006 hours on 9 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1217 hours.

10 July 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Mosul and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Qurnah and Chabaish.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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